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Abstract. Future target heating experiments with space-charge dominated ion beams require simultaneous longitudinal bunching and transverse focusing. An experiment to simultaneously focus a singly charged potassium ion beam has been commissioned at LBNL. The space charge of the beam must be neutralized so only emittance limits the simultaneous focusing. An induction bunching module provides a head-to-tail velocity ramp upstream of a beam neutralizing plasma column and a final focus solenoid. The beam is tuned with a four-solenoid lattice to transport the neutralized compressing beam into a final focus solenoid which transversely focuses the beam at the target plane. We have improved the axial focus (>100 axial compression, < 2 ns pulses) and made recent improvements to reduce the beam spot size. A comparison of experimental and calculated results are presented, including simultaneous measurements of the transverse distribution and the axially compressed beam.

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